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OF ADM, CONF, AND GEN SERVICES (UNIDO) AND PSCA
(STOESSINGER)

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SUMMARY: AMB SCALI, ACCOMPAINED BY AMB BENNETT AND MISOFF,
MET WITH SYG AND KITTANI IN FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER DEMARCHE
REPORTED REFTEL. AS RESULT, SYG HAS STOPPED ACTION ON
APPOINTMENT OF BARBOSA TO DIR OF ADM IN UNIDO AND CROOKS
AS DIR OF OTC. SCALI IN STRONGEST TERMS MADE POINT THAT
US INTENDS TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SECURING APPOINT-
MENT OF QUALIFIED AMERICANS TO SECT POSTS AND WILL SEEK
TO BLOCK UNQUALIFIED NOMINEES. END SUMMARY

1. AMB SCALI, ACCOMPAINED BY AMB BENNETT AND MISOFF,
MET WITH SYG AND ASYG KITTANI FEB 1 AS FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS
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DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL. SCALI OPENED MTG BY EXPRESSING

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DISSATISFACTION OF USG RE APPOINTMENT OF AMERICANS TO SECT
POSITIONS. HE TOLD SYG THAT HERETOFORE WE HAD DEALT WITH
THIS QUESTION IN LOW-KEY MANNER, UNLIKE OTHER DELS
WHO MADE REPEATED DEMARCHES AND IN EMOTIONAL TERMS TO
OBTAIN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THEIR CANDIDATES.
CONTINUING, SCALI SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO RESORT
TO LATTER APPROACH, BUT UNLESS MORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
IS GIVEN IN FUTURE TO US SUPPORT, HE WOULD HAVE NO ALTER-
NATIVE BUT TO RESORT TO OTHER TACTICS.

2. SCALI THEN EMPHASIZED CONCERN OF USG ABOUT APPARENTLY
MISTAKEN BELIEF WITHIN SECT THAT US, BY ITS BISINESSLIKE
AND NON-EMOTIONAL APPROACH, WAS LESS INTERESTED THAN OTHERS
IN ENSURING THAT IT WAS ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED WITHIN
SECT AT ALL LEVELS AND ESPECIALLY IN POSTS OF AN INFLUENTIAL
NATURE. FIRST OBJECTIVE, THEREFORE, SCALI SAID WAS TO MAKE
CLEAR TO SYG THAT SUCH ATTITUDE WAS GROSS MISREADING OF USG
AND THAT IN FUTURE WE INTEND TO FOLLOW MUCH MORE CLOSELY
AT HIGHEST LEVELS WITHIN USG AND USUN ALL PERSONNEL MATTERS.
FINALLY, SCALI EMPHASIZED US INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING CAPABILITY
OF UN TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY IN ALL FIELDS, AND THAT CAPABILITY
OF UN HAS BEEN GOING DOWNHILL AS RESULT OF APPOINTMENT
OF LESS THAN FULL QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS. IN ORDER TO CORRECT
THIS TREND, USG INTENDED TO MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO PROVIDE
FIRST-RATE CANDIDATES FOR UN SERVICE AND, HAVING DONE SO,
SCALI SAID HE EXPECTED SYG TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
TO EACH CANDIDATE PRESENTTED IN ORDER THA UN OBTAIN
SERVICES OF MOST ABLE INDIVIDUALS.

3. TURNING TO SPECIFICS, SCALI THEN ASKED SYG WHETHER
IT WAS FACT OR FICTION THAT ABDEL-RAHMAN (A-R) INTENDED
TO APPOINT A BLOOD RELATIVE TO ONE OF THREE VACANT D-2
POSTS IN UNIDO. SYG SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER QUESTION AND
TURNED TO KITTANI, WHO REPLIED THAT INFO AVAILABLE TO
HIM WAS THA AFIFI, IN FACT, WAS A RELATIVE OF A-R.
SCALI THEN RAISED QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT IN UNIDO OF
DIR OF ADM, CONF, AND GEN SERVICES AND SAID HE EXPECTED
SYG TO APPOINT AMB FINDLEY BURNS TO POST VACATED BY BIRCKHEAD.
SCALI ADDED THAT, UNLESS ANY OTHER CANDIDATES RECORD SURPASSED
THAT OF BURNS, WHICH HE SINCERELY DOUBTED, HE COULD NOT
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ACCEPT ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL BEING APPOINTED TO THIS POST.
SYG THEN ASKED ABOUT BURNS' QUALIFICATIONS, TO WHICH SCALI,
BENNETT, AND MISOFF RESPONDED HE NOT ONLY QUALIFIED BUT
EASILY SURPASSED QUALIFICATIONS OF OTHERS.

4. NEXT SCALI TURNED TO REPORTED APPOINTMENT OF CROOKS
AS DIR OTC. SAID USG HAD MADE REPEATED EFFORTS TO ENSURE
APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN TO POST VACATED BY STIG ANDERSEN

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ONLY TO LEARN BELATEDLY THAT THESE EFFORTS HAD BEEN TO NO
AVAIL SINCE CROOKS' APPOINTMENT, HE UNDERSTOOD, WOULD
BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. OF PARTICULAR PERSONAL CONCERN
TO SCALI, IN THIS INSTANCE HE SAID, WAS FACT THAT EARLIER
EFFORTS BY VARIOUS DEPT AND USUN OFFICERS, IN PARTICULAR
THOSE OF STOTTLEMYER WITH DAVIDSON, WERE INTERPRETED
WITHIN SECT AS LIMITED INTEREST ON PART OF US IN
OBTAINING OTC POST FOR AMERICAN. SCALI ADDED THAT HE
INTENDED HERE AND NOW TO CORRECT ANY SUCH MISINTERPRETATION
SINCE MISOFF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WHO WERE INVOLVED
IN THIS AND OTHER PERSONNEL QUESTIONS HAD HIS FULL CONFIDENCE
AND SUPPORT. SCALI CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, SINCE UNIDO
AND OTC IN PARTICULAR WERE BADLY IN NEED OF STRENGTHENING,
THERE WAS SOMETHING DRASTICALLY WRONG WITHIN SECT WHEN HIGHTLY
QUALIFIED AMERICAN CANDIDATES WERE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION.

5. IN RESPONSE, SYG SAID A-R HAD ASSURED HIM THAT APPOINTMENTS
OF AFIFI AND BARBOSA WERE ACCEPTABLE TO US. A-R ALSO TOLD
SYG THAT AMERICAN WOULD BE NAMED TO REPLACE STEPANEK.
SYG SAID HE LEARNED OF PENDING APPOINTMENTS ONLY LAST WEEK
WHEN A-R MET WITH HIM, AT WHICH TIME HE POINTEDLY ASKED
A-R WHETHER US HAD AGREED TO BARBOSA APPOINTMENT. AFTER
BEING GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT US WAS INFORMED AND HAD NOT
OBJECTED, SYG HIMSELF SHORTLY THEREAFTER CALLED USYG DAVIDSON
TO VERIFY A-R'S ASSERTION; HOWEVER, IN MEANTIME A-R HAD
CONTACTED DAVIDSON AND ASSURED HIM WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION THAT
APPOINTMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO US. SYG SAID HE THEN ACCEPTED
THESE ASSURANCES AND HAD AGREED TO A-R'S PROPOSAL.

6. IN INTERIM BETWEEN DEMARCHE BY BENNETT AND MISOFF TO
KITTANI, SYG INSTRUCTED LATTER TO PHONE A-R TO TELL HIM
IN NAME OF SYG THAT ACTION WAS TO BE STOPPED ON BARBOSA APPOINTMENT
SO THAT MATTER IS NOW COMPLETELY OPEN.
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7. RE OTC APPOINTMENT, SYG SAID BILL GOODKING WAS CHOICE
OF PETERSON (UNDP) AND DAVIDSON BUT THAT USYG DJERMAKOYE HAD
REFUSED TO ACCEPT GOODKIND AND INSTEAD PROPOSED CROOKS.
AGAINS, ACCORDING TO SYG, HE HAD ASKED WHETHER US AGREED
TO APPOINTMENT, AND HE WAS TOLD "YES." ONLY THEN WAS CROOKS'
APPOINTMENT CLEARED WITH PETERSON AND AGREED TO BY SYG.
HOWEVER, AS RESULT OF EARLIER DEMARCHE BY US, SYG HAD STOPPED
ACTION TO NAME CROOKS TO OTC POST, AND MATTER WAS NOW
OPEN FOR RESOLUTION.

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8. SYG, SUPPORTED BY KITTANI, QUESTIONED ADVISABILITY OF MOVING GOODKIND FROM HIS PRESENT POST TO OTC SINCE BOTH FELT THAT IN FORMER HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WERE MORE CRITICAL; HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE AMERICANS IN GOODKIND'S PRESENT POST AND AS DIR OCT. SYG ADMITTED THAT, ONCE OBJECTION RAISED ABOUT GOODKIND BEING TRANSFERRED TO OTC, AS WELL AS GOODKIND'S OWN PERSONAL RESERVATIONS, THAT ALTERNATIVE WAS DROPPED IN FAVOR OF GROOKS. IN RESPONSE TO POINT MADE BY MISOFF, SYG SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR DAVIDSON HAD MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO GET GOODKIND'S AGREEMENT TO MOVE TO OTC.

9. SYG OFFERED THAT USYG DJERMAKOYE WOULD DEFINITELY LEAVE IN MARCH 1975. DJERMAKOYE WAS INEFFECTIVE IN PRESENT POST, AND AFTER HIS DEPARTURE SYG WAS DETERMINED TO APPOINT A FULLY QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT.

10. SCALI ALSO RAISED WITH SYG QUESTION OF STOESSINGER AND SAID THAT US WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH OTHER CANDIDATES
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SHORTLY; PROBABLY A FON SERVICE OFFICER (PER SCHAUFELE/
BLAKE TELECON). SYG SAID HE WAS AWARE OF CASE, TO WHICH BENNETT
REPLIED IT UNACCEPTABLE TO US TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL IN SECT
WHO WAS CONDUCTING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE DETRIMENTAL
TO BEST INTEREST OF US AND UN. SYG IMPLIED ACCEPTANCE
OF FACT THAT HE WILL HAVE TO TERMINATE STOESSINGER'S
CONTRACT WHEN IT RUNS OUT IN MAY AND ACCEPT AN AMERICAN.

11. AFTER SCALI/SYG MTG MISOFF WAS APPROACHED BY HENNIG
(SYG'S OFFICE), WHO URGED US TO "KEEP UP THE PRESSURE"
AND MAKE YOURSELVES MORE VISIBLE RE SECT APPOINTMENTS. HENNIG
ADDED THAT SYG WAS UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM OTHER
DELS AND IN ABSENCE OF US PRESSURE, WHICH HENNIG FELT
SYG WELCOMED, THERE WAS NO REAL CONTERBALANCING FORCE
THAT SYG COULD USE TO RESIST PRESSURES FROM OTHERS. HENNIG
ALSO OFFERED THAT SYG WAS SUBJECT OF EXTREME INTRA-SECT
GAMING AND RECIPIENT FREQUENTLY OF MISINFORMATION FROM
HIS STAFF ON WHICH HE TOOK DECISIONS ON STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

12. AT CONCLUSION OF MTG SYG SUMMARIZED AS FOL:

(A) NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON UNIDO POST UNTIL SYG
PERSONALLY CAN SETTLE PROBLEM TO HIS SATISFACTTION,
(B) A US NATIONAL WILL BE NAMED TO REPLACE STEPANEK IN
UNIDO,
(C) SYG WILL TAKE UP WITH GEORGE DAVIDSON UPON HIS RETURN
QUESTION OF STOESSINGER, AND
(D) APPOINTMENT OF CROOKS WAS BLOCKED, BUT REQUESTED
AMB SCALI TO ADVISE SYG EARLY NEXT WEEK ON WHAT ACTION WE
PROPOSE RE OTC POST.

COMENT: SYG RECEIVED SCALI'S INSISTENCE THAT US EXPECTS MORE
FAVORABLE TREATMENT RE STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND INTENTION
OF US TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THIS AREA WHIT GRACE AND SOME
APPARENT SATISFACTION. WE ARE NEAR CERTAIN THAT SYG WILL
FORCE A-R TO APPOINT AMB BURNS AS DIR OF ADM POST IN UNIDO
AND WE SHALL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS. QUESTION OF OTC IS MORE
DIFFICULT SINCE CROOKS IS QUALIFIED FOR OTC DIR POST, SYG'S
BELIEF THAT GOODKIND MORE VALUABLE IN HIS PRESENT
POST, AND HIS INABILITY TO NAME ANOTHER AMERICAN IN ESA
TO OTC POST. ON BALANCE, MISSION BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD
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NOT BLOCK APPOINTMENT OF CROOKS, GIVE SYG'S CONCERNS AND
FACT THAT, IN SO DOING, WE CAN HAVE SOME CHITS TO CASH
IN WITH SYG AT LATER POINT, I.E., IN TRADE OFF EXPRESS
TO SYG EXPECTATION THAT US WILL GET ANOTHER EQUIVALENT
POST WHICH WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN
USUN AND SYG.

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ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT AGREE THAT WE INFORM SYG EARLY NEXT
WEEK THAT US HAS NO OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT OF CROOKS
AS DIR OF OTC, GIVEN SYG'S OWN CONCERNS AND FACT THAT
CANDIDATES WE HAVE PUT FORWARD HAVE NOT ELICITED STRONG
INTEREST. FURTHERMORE, FACT THAT GOODKIND HIMSELF
IS COOL TO IDEA OF ASSUMING OTC POST UNDER DJERMAKOYE
MAKES THIS OPTION UNWORKABLE AND IN HIS PRESENT POST
GOODKIND CAN PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ESA MANAGEMENT IN
GENERAL AS WELL AS OCT IN PARTICULAR.
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